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In re application of

Ing-Britt MAGNUSSON et al.

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ABSORBENT PRODUCT WITH DOUBLE
BARRIERS AND SINGLE ELASTIC SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, amend the first paragraph as follows:

--This application claims benefit of provisional application
No. 60/241,331, filed October 19, 2000.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 4 as follows:

--4. (Amended) Absorbent product according to
claim 1, the side flaps comprising liquid barrier material.-

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Amend claim 5 as follows:

--5. (Amended) Absorbent product according to claim 1, the side flaps (3) comprising parts of the liquid-permeable surface layer material (2).--

Amend claim 6 as follows:

--6. (Amended) Absorbent product according to claim 1, both the side flaps (3) and the liquid barriers (5) comprising parts of the liquid-permeable surface layer material (2).--

Amend claim 7 as follows:

--7. (Amended) Absorbent product according to claim 1, both the liquid barriers (5) and the side flaps (3) comprising parts of the liquid-impermeable surface layer material (4).--

Amend claim 8 as follows:

--8. (Amended) Absorbent product according to claim 1, the side flaps (3) comprising parts of the liquid-impermeable surface layer material (4).--


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R E M A R K S

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The claims have been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) Absorbent product according to ~~any one of Claims 1-3~~, the side flaps comprising liquid barrier material.

5. (Amended) Absorbent product according to ~~any one of Claims 1-4~~, the side flaps (3) comprising parts of the liquid-permeable surface layer material (2).

6. (Amended) Absorbent product according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ 1, both the side flaps (3) and the liquid barriers (5) comprising parts of the liquid-permeable surface layer material (2).

7. (Amended) Absorbent product according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ 1, both the liquid barriers (5) and the side flaps (3) comprising parts of the liquid-impermeable surface layer material (4).

8. (Amended) Absorbent product according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ 1, the side flaps (3) comprising parts of the liquid-impermeable surface layer material (4).

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An absorbent product includes a crotch portion, edges extending in the longitudinal direction and in a transverse direction, an upper, liquid-permeable surface layer, a lower, liquid-impermeable surface layer, an absorbent body arranged between the surface layers with liquid barriers extending in the longitudinal direction arranged essentially parallel to those edges of the product running in the longitudinal direction, the liquid barriers each having a free edge, side flaps extending in the longitudinal direction outside the liquid barriers and having parts of at least one of the surface layers, and elastic elements extending in the longitudinal direction and fastened to the liquid barriers or to the side flaps. The liquid barriers are in the region between their attachment to the absorbent product and their free edge, fixed to the adjacent side flap outside the edges of the absorbent body, providing double raised leakage barriers arranged along the edges extending in the longitudinal direction.

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